English II

*The Old Man and the Sea* / “The Colomber” Constructive Response Paper

Writing Prompt: After reading *The Old Man and the Sea* and “The Colomber”, you need to write a one (1) to two (2) page literary constructive response. In your thesis statement, answer the following question:

* **Theme plays a major role in storytelling. Which text, *The Old Man and the Sea* or “The Colomber”, developed a more in-depth, complex theme? How did the text you chose (primary text) develop its theme better than the other text?**

The following elements should also be included in your literary constructive response:

* You should have an introduction paragraph that introduces your topic of discussion and contains a thesis statement.
* You should refer to the authors of the works in your paper and use their last names when you reference them.
* Choose either *The Old Man and the Sea* or “The Colomber” as your primary text and explain, in-depth, how the author develops a theme, or message about **human nature**.
* Come up with a clear thesis focused on the theme, or message, about a particular aspect of human nature and use this to focus your response.
* When writing your response, work on presenting a structured, organized paper that is clear and concise. Focus each paragraph on a clear idea that helps support your thesis and completely analyze elements from the two texts.
* You must include at least **three quotes** from your **primary piece** of literature. The quotes can be **no longer than 3 lines** on Microsoft Word. Make sure you utilize in-text citations and have a works cited page.
* **Remember, focus on how the story you choose reveals insight into human nature. Don’t give a summary of the text, but highlight the story elements in the text that reveals a particular view about human nature. I’ve already read the story.**
* Finally, have a conclusion that revisits the thesis statement and main points. Leave the reader with something that is impressionable.